

We claim:

1. A drinking cup, comprising a body and a single layer elastomeric overmolding partially covering said body.
2. A drinking cup according to Claim 1, wherein said body has a closed bottom and an open top, said overmolding completely covering said bottom of said body.
3. A drinking cup according to Claim 2, wherein said body has a sidewall extending between said top and said bottom of said body, said overmolding partially covering said sidewall.
4. A drinking cup according to Claim 3, wherein said overmolding includes a plurality of ribs spaced apart on said sidewall of said body, thereby forming a plurality of gripping surfaces.
5. A drinking cup according to Claim 4, wherein said ribs extend circumferentially about said sidewall of said body.
6. A drinking cup according to Claim 5, wherein said sidewall of said body includes a plurality of depressions, each depression extending longitudinally along said body and being sized and shaped so as to form a handgrip.
7. A drinking cup according to Claim 6, wherein said overmolding substantially covers each of said depressions in said sidewall of said body.
8. A drinking cup according to Claim 1, wherein said body is made from a relatively brittle material and said overmolding is made from a softer material which has shock-absorbing properties, whereby said overmolding functions as a bumper for

said body.

9. A drinking cup according to Claim 8, wherein said overmolding enhances the grippability of said body.

10. A drinking cup according to Claim 9, wherein said overmolding has skid-resistant properties.

11. A drinking cup according to Claim 1, wherein said body is made from a translucent material and said overmolding is made from an opaque material.

12. A drinking cup according to Claim 11, wherein said translucent material is clarified polypropylene and said opaque material is a thermoplastic elastomer.

13. A drinking cup according to Claim 1, wherein said body is made from a translucent thermoplastic material and said overmolding is made from an opaque elastomeric material.

14. A drinking cup according to Claim 13, wherein said translucent thermoplastic material is selected from the group consisting of polystyrene (PS), polystyrene-acrylonitrile (PSAN), acrylonitrile-butadiene styrene (ABS), styrene-maleicanhydride (SMA), polycarbonate (PC), polyethylene (PE), polyethylene terephthalate, polypropylene (PP), polyvinylcyclohexane, and copolymers and blends thereof.

15. A drinking cup according to Claim 13, wherein said opaque elastomeric material is selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic elastomers, thermoset elastomers, and copolymers and mixtures thereof.

16. A drinking cup according to Claim 1, wherein a bi-component molding process is used to apply said overmolding to said body.
17. A drinking cup according to Claim 16, wherein said bi-component molding process results in a fusion bond between said body and said overmolding.
18. A drinking cup according to Claim 17, wherein said bi-component molding process is a two-shot injection molding process.
19. A drinking cup according to Claim 18, wherein said fusion bond has a bond strength that is equal to or greater than the tensile strength of said material of said overmolding.
20. A drinking cup according to Claim 19, wherein said overmolding is made from a thermoplastic elastomer and said body is made from clarified polypropylene.
21. A drinking cup according to Claim 20, wherein said thermoplastic elastomer has a durometer value of about SOA to about 80A.